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**CC:** Diaz-Sanchez, David [Diaz-Sanchez.David@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up!

Steve and Ian – David's email is spot on. Learning from the experience of the clinical investigators will be valuable. Wayne

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Steve:

As you probably know the Human Studies program has gone through the same scrutiny for many years now including FOIAs, incorrect news articles, congressional questions etc.

I am going to set up a time (and maybe Bob or Wayne can join us if he has time) to meet with those EPHD investigators involved in this type of research to talk about lessons learned from this process. What to expect, how to deal with inquiries, how to deal with FOIAs, how the process can impact the work etc. I think this would be very reassuring for the scientists.

The bottom line is that if we are honest and clear about the science, the ethics and the importance of the work then the truth will prevail and the research program can end up strengthened.

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Just spoke to Jaimie and she said they are still putting the FOIA response together, which is going to Justin Goodman of White Coat Waste. When they send it out they expect another FOIA request immediately. Jaimie is already gathering information to answer the 5 questions below.

Steve

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**From:** Gilmour, Ian  
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A lot of this should have been provided by the foia we received shortly after SOT. We gave Jamie cost estimates of the projects and they were redacting the laprs and other documents.

I didn't ever hear the end result however.

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The first link (letter from 6 congressmen) lists their requests:

1. **Animal use:** How many animals, by species, were used in NHEERL testing each year since FY2015?
2. **Cost to taxpayers:** How much taxpayer money was spent on NHEERL animal testing each year since FY2015?
3. **Current projects:** How many current projects at NHEERL involve animal testing? Please provide a list of the projects, including project titles, start and end dates, budgets, and objectives.
4. **Alternatives to animal tests:** What efforts has NHEERL engaged in to develop and implement alternatives to animal testing?
5. **Transparency:** Is there a searchable database where can Congress and taxpayers can find information about all current and past EPA animal testing projects, their cost, methods and results?

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You are probably aware of this news, but I just wanted to be sure you saw it so that we can be prepared to defend the public health benefits of our research.

Thanks,  
Steve

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Good afternoon,  
Just FYI.

Heads up FYI

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2018/07/19/stories/1060089637>

# Lawmakers want details on 'dubious' animal testing

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## EPA



EPA headquarters in Washington. Natural Resources Defense Council/Flickr

A bipartisan group of lawmakers is urging acting EPA chief Andrew Wheeler to disclose more information about what they described as "questionable" and "dubious" animal testing.

In a letter, the lawmakers expressed concern that the National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory in North Carolina is reportedly using around 20,000 animals each year for testing.

"Recently-published experiments by EPA's NHEERL show that lab animals were fed lard and coconut oil, then forced to breathe diesel exhaust, ozone, and smog, electrocuted, and ultimately killed," the lawmakers said.

"These tests likely cost taxpayers millions of dollars each year, and their relevance to humans, as EPA has often acknowledged, is dubious at best."

Signing the missive were Reps. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), Scott Perry (R-Pa.), Dan Donovan (R-N.Y.), David Cicilline (D-R.I.), Steve Cohen (D-Tenn.) and Brendan Boyle (D-Pa.).

In April, then-EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt unveiled a draft policy to reduce the use of animals in testing chemicals that may irritate the skin or cause an allergic reaction.

The lawmakers said that while they were "pleased by former Administrator Pruitt's recent announcements," they want Wheeler to provide more information about the scope of the testing and the cost to taxpayers.

The alleged testing at NHEERL was uncovered earlier this year by the White Coat Waste Project, a watchdog group that opposes federally funded animal experiments.

The White Coat Waste Project found "horrific abuses on the taxpayers' dime" such as "forcing animals to eat lard to make them obese, pumping truck exhaust directly into their noses and electrocuting them," said Justin Goodman, the group's vice president for advocacy and public policy.

The group placed a billboard outside the lab in April, and its more recent advocacy campaign was timed to coincide with Tax Day, Goodman added.

Sent from my iPhone